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NEGRO LODGE REPRESENTING HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

Prominent Men Banded Together for the Uplift of the Race.—Mr. John Lange is a Great Organizer.

Pythians Under the Leadership of A. W. Loyd Capturing the West.

Due to the ability of Mr. John Lange, manager of the Blind Boone Concert company and wealthiest Negro in Missouri, a new lodge of Pythians, composed of the best known Negroes of Kansas City was organized Monday night. Men representing the several walks in life are numbered among its membership, some of whom are men of considerable means. The following is a partial list of those who joined, a brief sketch and the amount that each represents.

Mr. John Lange, the chief factor in this organization, is, in addition to being the wealthiest Negro in Missouri, the most successful theatrical manager that the Negro race has produced. Twenty-six prosperous years on the road, the accumulation of a fortune for himself and Blind Boone to say nothing of a score of people whom he has employed and made wealthy, Mr. Lange continues to take an active part in the great work of uplifting the race. His interest in the race along its several lines of development has created a civic as well as public spirited pride among the Negroes of Kansas City, which threatens to so revolutionize affairs that will make Kansas City Negroes the leaders of their race in wealth, education, etc., in the United States. Mr. Lange is fortunate in having as an assistant in this work a wife, Mrs. Ruth Lange, who is a talented and accomplished lady, ever ready to second the movements of her husband for the betterment of the race. Mr. Lange is reputed to be worth at least \$200,000.

Bishop Abram Grant, who is, perhaps, with the single exception of Booker T. Washington, the best known Negro in America and one of the most powerful forces in the great church which he so ably represents. The Fifth Episcopal district has had a number of good and able men to preside over its destinies but no one of whom has gotten so near the people as has Bishop Grant. Loved, honored, respected by all races and classes of our citizens, Bishop Grant is doing a work here in the West, never dreamed of by the most sanguine race leaders.

Dr. F. Jesse Peck, the talented young pastor of Allen chapel A. M. E. church and one of the rising stars of the connection is taking an active part in this work.

Hon. Nelson C. Crews, the Demosthenes of the West, born leader of men, a man, who, if he had been a resident of any other state but Missouri, would have been in Congress. Mr. Crews will yet be heard from in the order.

Rev. Dr. S. W. Bacote, pastor of the Second Baptist church, one of the largest churches in America, is a believer in the order and was initiated Monday night.

Dan Lucas, the well-known veteran tonorial artist, a man who has made several fortunes, built the most elegant home in Kansas City, gave his children a college education, a man, whose check today would be honored for \$10,000 is a sincere believer in the Knights of Pythias.

Hon. A. W. Lloyd, the Grand Chancellor, has his residence in St. Louis, but is so well known in the state that his home seems to be any place where he rests his grip. Chancellor Lloyd is a right man in a right place. He is doing for the Knights of Pythias in Missouri what no man has been able to do for any other

fraternal organization in the West among the Negroes.

Dr. J. Edgar Perry, the examining physician of the Knights of Pythias, a man whom Walter Williams, the famous Missouri author characterizes as the first of his race in the state is not only a firm believer in the future destiny of the race but a staunch advocate of the possibilities of the Knights of Pythias.

Prof. J. Dallas Bowser, educator and journalist, principal of Attucks school, the best known equipped building in the United States for Negroes, thirty-four years in the schools of Kansas City, the owner of property valued at \$75,000 is one of the new converts to Pythianism.

Prof. Richard T. Coles, principal of the famous Garrison school and father of manual training in the public schools of Kansas City, a leader of the Masonic fraternity of Missouri is numbered among the new champions of the Knights of Pythias.

Prof. Riley W. Foster, principal of the Douglas school and a leading citizen of Kansas City has cast his lot with the order.

Prof. J. Silas Harris, principal of the Penn school, regent of the Negro State university and the best-known man in the West in political circles has united with the order. His son, J. T. Harris, has also united with the order.

Prof. D. N. Crosthwaite, the well-known teacher of science in Lincoln High school is doing splendid work for the Knights of Pythias in this section. His interest in the work

will make him a useful member in its high councils by and by.

Dr. J. N. Birch, a physician, whose income is from five to ten thousand dollars per year is evidenced in the splendid buildings he has erected and his confidence in the race attested by his putting them at the disposal of his own people. Dr. Birch shows his interest in the order by becoming an active member thereof.

Dr. T. C. Chapman, a dentist, with a large and lucrative practice finds time to leave his chair and pull for the Knights of Pythias, his favorite order.

J. D. Herndon of the Milwaukee railroad, a member of many fraternal organizations as most interested in the Knights of Pythias and is giving it his earnest support.

Willis G. Moseley of the Post Office department, with many other clerks and carriers, is deeply interested in the work.

B. B. Francis of the Picture Clothing company and his son, Nichols, are loud in their praises of the order.

J. T. McCampbell and W. H. Houston, prominent young druggists are making many friends for the order among the young people.

Profs. A. M. Wilson, J. F. Talton and Tillman, all young educators, are busily engaged in extending the influences of the order.

W. Fredrick Fairfax, the Harry Lehr and society leader among Negroes of Kansas City, a man whose presence is ever necessary at every social function, is a strong advocate member of the John Lange Lodge, of the Knights of Pythias No. 66.

In addition to the above, many of the prominent lawyers, doctors, merchants, business men and day laborers may be found in the new John Lange Lodge, No. 66. The following is a partial list of members:

Anett, W. A.	Jones, W. J.
Bacote, Rev. S.	Jones, Geo.
Barnett, J. D.	Jones, R. W.
Birch, D. J. N.	Jones, S. E.
Bowser, J. D.	Knox, Atty.
Burget, W.	Kirby, D. C.
Baker, Jas.	Lucas, Dan.
Beverly, Jas.	Love, George
Bradley, Geo.	Lee, W. C.
Bradshaw, Jno.	Lytle, Abe
Countee, Henry	Morrison, Chas.
Crowe, Hon. Nelson	Mayer, J. L.
Clay, Theodore	McCampbell, J. T.
Chapman, Dr. T. C.	Mosley, Louis
Carter, J. F.	Milton, Ed
Colman, Jno. S.	McKnight, Wm.
Campbell, P. W.	Morrow, W. W.
Crump, W. H.	Moadley, W. G.
Carter, A. G.	Morgan, S. P.
Carpenter, Jas.	Miller, Walker
Clay, Ed. M.	Peck, Rev. F. J.
Cardal, Mannibal	Praet, P. L.
Carter, M. E.	Pulliam, A. E.
Cockrell, Frank	Page, Gaither
Caldwell, C. D.	Pope, Louis
Codson, Jno.	Pernell, G. H.
Davis, Fred	Powell, C. H.
Davis, Birch	Ross, I. C.
Drew, Fred	Ross, Edward
Edwards, S. H. P.	Randall, Con. W.
Estes, A. E.	Randall, A. W.
Fairfax, W. F.	Riley, Howard
Foster, R. W.	Randall, Will
Frazier, C. D.	Simpson, R.
Fitzgerald, A. J.	Smith, Cassious
	Steele, S.

Fox, A. W.	Shaffer, F. C.
Francis, B. B.	Sanders, J. S.
Francis, N. P.	Teeters, George
Fields, Moses	Talton, J. F.
Follon, John	Turner, R. S.
Grant, Bishop A.	Tillman, Lon
Green, Richard	Thompson, Cecil
Harris, J. S.	Tutt, A. L.
Hackley, Adolph	Todd, R. H.
Hildebrand, G.	West, I. C.
Hopkins, Lee	Wilson, A. M.
Hill, J. W.	Wheeler, Cal
Houston, W. H.	Whiting, Samuel
Holmes, Jas. H.	Washington, Chas.
Harris, Thos.	Walker, Jas.
Horton, I. W.	Walker, Wm.
Harris, V. D.	White, W. T.
Jordin, Alvin	Welch, T.
Jones, R.	Wiley, F. J.

The initiation was conducted by the following team: W. C. Houston, chancellor commander; Fred Dabney, vice chancellor commander; Lewis Woods, master of works; D. N. Crosthwaite, prelate; A. W. Willis, master of arms, and J. P. Maynard, inner guard.

The conferring of these degrees was said to be the most impressive ever seen in this city in any secret organization, reflecting great credit on the Pythians and the gentlemen composing the team.

Million For Noise.
For its white population, South Africa is perhaps the greatest market in the world for musical instruments. It spends for them \$1,000,000 a year, half of which is for pianos.

Best Ivory from Ceylon.
The best Ivory comes from Zanzibar; the next quality from Ceylon.

INDEPENDENCE NOTES.

Prof. T. H. Coleman honors the members of the Statute of Freedom by giving them a grand reception at Mrs. Ed. Christmans on North Hockley avenue. All present had a royal good time.

It is reported that Miss Bell Jackson will soon be Mrs. Bell Williams.

Of course you could not have success acting as superintendent of the A. M. E. Sunday school, advising other people to send their children to Sunday school and locking yours up at your home.

Independence will be well represented at Lincoln Institute this year. Seven or eight students left here for Lincoln Institute today. We wish them success.

Three of our boys have decided to learn trades and will leave for the Booker T. Washington school next week.

Mrs. Minnie Bryant of Pleasant Hill, Mo., spent two weeks in our city, the guest of her father.

The union picnic was postponed on account of the rain Saturday.

Mrs. H. Jackson has about lost her religion. She is allowing her son and others to run a dive up over her restaurant, so decent people have about quit going to her restaurant.

Prof. T. H. Coleman, the artist, has gone to Leavenworth, Kan., and is doing grand work there.

We are proud to say that Dr. E. M. Phenix has located in our city once more. Independence needs a good colored doctor and we hope he will remain with us.

LINCOLN SCHOOL AND ITS NEW ADDITION.

Of all the Negro principals of the public schools in this city who are at present occupying public attention Prof. S. R. Bailey is perhaps the most unique and characteristic.

The composite makeup of his personality is peculiarly interwoven. In point of service Prof. Bailey is among the oldest. He has been connected with the Lincoln school since the departure of Mr. Nero, the famous principal of that school. What wonders have then wrought? What changes have come over the old school building? How many can remember old Lincoln school, situated at 8th and Charlotte years ago? Great are the changes Lincoln has undergone. Prof. Bailey has been equal to the emergencies. Ever onward! Building each dome more vast, still nobler than the last, until now old Lincoln stands in all its solemn splendor and age. The first high school graduates received their diplomas from Prof. S. R. Bailey. He is also the author of a book on mathematics. He is a graduate of Wilberforce and a man of strong character, health and vigor. He has managed to accumulate a number of splendid pieces of property. He is of great usefulness to his race, by his indomitable will and strong persistence. With the new addition to his school coming through the donation of the old colored high school building the public may well expect greater possibilities and greater accomplishments from one of her favorite principals, S. R. Bailey.

MOONLIGHT SOCIAL POSTPONED.
On account of the rain last Saturday evening the moonlight social which was to have been given by the B. M. C. Club of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows at the residence of Mrs. W. L. Beattie, 31st and Kensington, has been postponed until Saturday evening, September 8th.

All members and friends of the Order are cordially invited. Music will be furnished by the Metropolitan Band. To reach the place take Indiana avenue car to the end of line, (31st street), go east on 31st street four blocks.